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Our Case No. 9281-3919
Client Reference No. M US00023

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Osamu Ogiyama et al.)
Serial No. To Be Assigned)
Filing Date: Herewith)
For: Image Forming Method Used for)
Color Printer)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) An image forming method used for a color printer in which two gradation pattern images based on different two color input information are laid one over the other to record a color image, wherein two colors, namely a primary color for recording a first gradation pattern image and a secondary color for recording a second gradation pattern image to be recorded on [the] a primary color recorded-image, are selected from among a plurality of color inks, a first screen angle to be used for primary color recording

is determined and the first gradation pattern image is recorded, and then a second screen angle to be used for recording secondary color recording is determined based on the first screen angle and the second gradation pattern image is recorded.

Respectfully submitted,



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